

Overview of the Draft Highway Primary Freight Network

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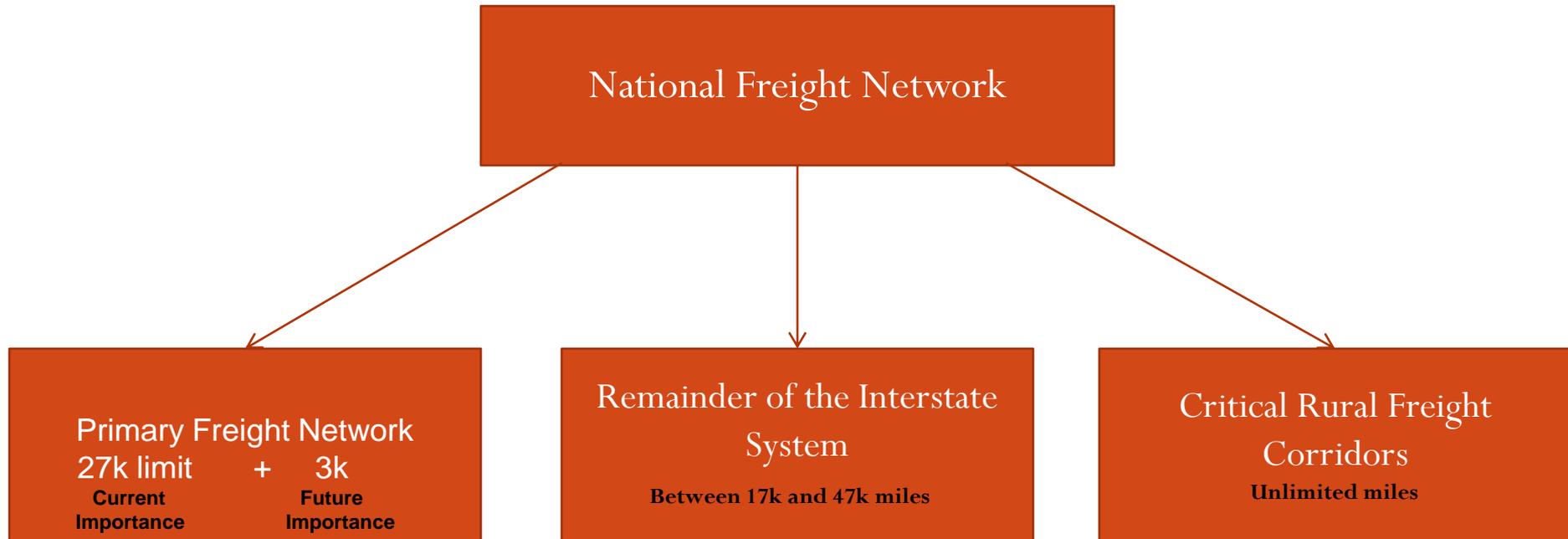
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MAP-21 Language for Designation of National Freight Network

In general:

The Secretary shall establish a national freight network in accordance with this section to assist States in **strategically directing resources toward improved system performance for efficient movement of freight on highways**, including national highway system, freight intermodal connectors and aerotropolis transportation systems.

National Freight Network Components



Factors for Designation of Primary Freight Network

- Origins and destinations of freight movement in the United States;
- Total freight tonnage and value of freight moved by highways;
- Percentage of annual average daily truck traffic in the annual average daily traffic on principal arterials;
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- Land and maritime ports of entry;
- Access to energy exploration, development, installation, or production areas;
- Population centers;
- Network connectivity.

Possible Applications and Future Role of PFN

What should be the focus or objective behind PFN?

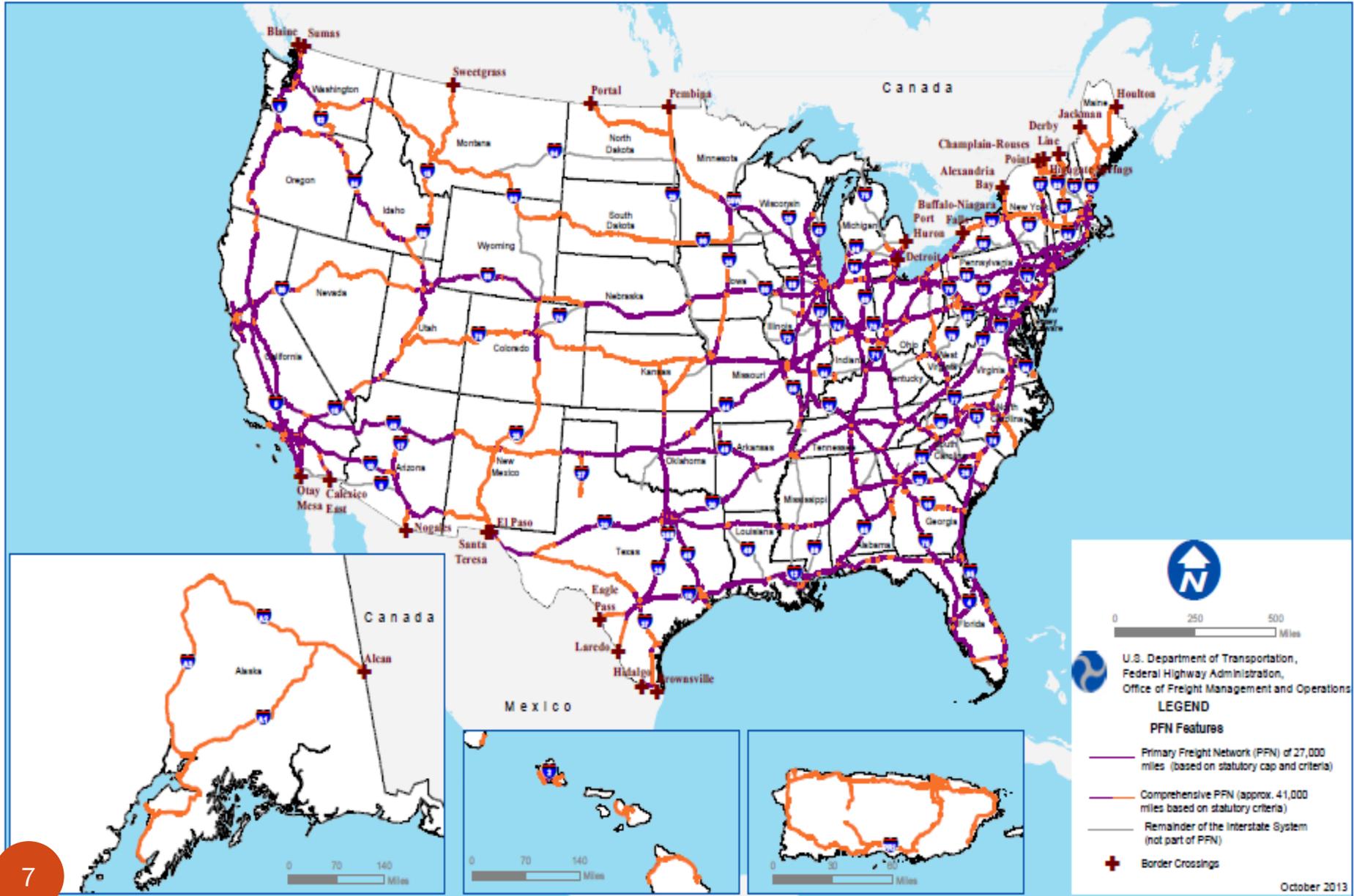
How will the PFN be used?

- National Strategic Freight Plan
- North American Corridors
- Intercity routes
- Areas with high levels of congestion
- Connectivity
- Performance Measures
- Funding

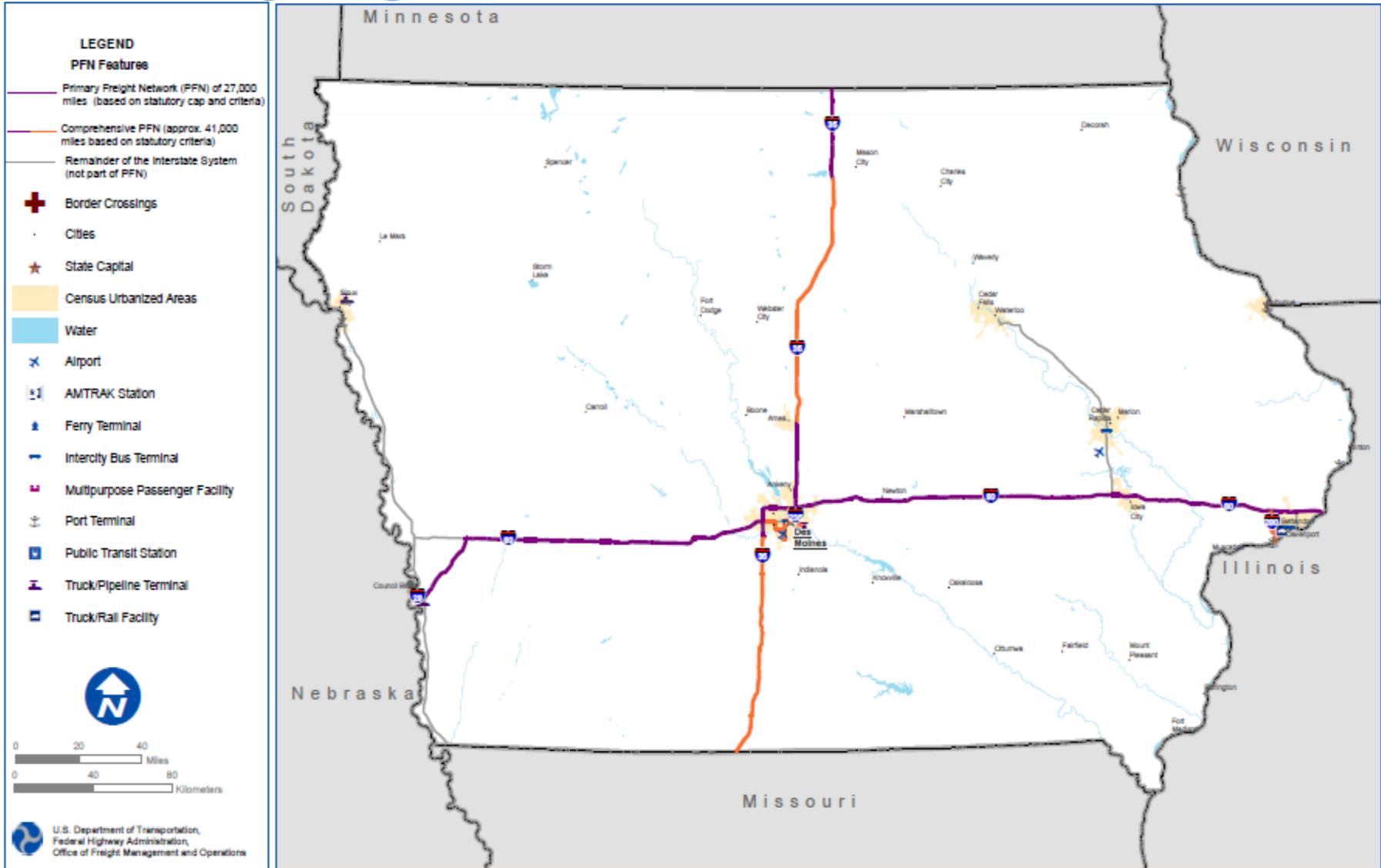
Five Areas for Comments in the Federal Register Notice

- (1) Specific route deletions, additions, or modifications to the draft initial designation of the highway PFN contained in this notice;
- (2) The methodology for achieving a 27,000-mile final designation;
- (3) How the NFN and its components could be used by freight stakeholders in the future;
- (4) How the NFN may fit into a multimodal National Freight System; and
- (5) Suggestions for an urban-area route designation process.

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Next steps

The following is the approximate schedule for designation of the NFN:

- Draft designation of highway PFN – Fall 2013
- Comment period for highway PFN designation – Fall 2013
- Review and analysis of comments – early 2014
- Final initial HPFN release – early 2014
- Finalization of Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFC) guidance - early 2014
- Requests for States to designate CRFC – Spring 2014
- Compilation of State-designated CRFC routes – Spring 2014
- Release of the initial designation of the full NFN (including highway PFN, rest of the Interstate System, CRFCs) – mid 2014

NFN website

USDOT has posted the details of the draft initial highway PFN, including the 26,966-mile draft highway PFN map, the 41,518-mile comprehensive map, State maps and lists of designated routes, tables of mileage by State, and information regarding intermodal connectors and border crossings at:

NFN website:

<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/nfn/index.htm>

Notice website:

http://www.archives.gov/federal_register

Docket for comments:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

Comments on the Designation of the Primary Freight must be received by U.S. DOT on or before December 19, 2013